

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information about staying home and going out

Movement and Gathering Direction



Questions and answers about staying home and going out in Queensland

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What does the Direction mean?

Under the *Movement and Gathering Direction*, you can travel anywhere in Queensland for any reason, except to Biosecurity Areas or Restricted Areas. There is no limit on distance. You can stay overnight anywhere in Queensland for as many nights as you like.

Under the *Movement and Gathering Direction*, from 12pm midday 1 June 2020 you can:

- have a gathering in your home or in a public place with a maximum of 20 people including yourself, members of your household or others
- travel within Queensland, with no limit on distance
- stay overnight at a place that is not your home.

Easing of restrictions allows for some businesses and facilities to reopen for up to 20 people. These businesses and facilities must maintain social distancing. Please refer to *Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction* for a full list of the businesses, activities and undertakings that are allowed from 1 June 2020.

The quarantining requirements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander areas that have been declared under the Commonwealth *Biosecurity Act 2015* remain in force. This means that the extra precautions under the [Biosecurity Determination](#) continue to apply in communities that are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

Why have you made this change early?

Queenslanders have worked incredibly hard to flatten the curve – we have done much better than expected. Our state only has a few active cases of COVID-19 and we are well equipped to manage

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the current situation and the situation going forward. It is time now to allow Queenslanders to move around and enjoy this great state.

Questions about leaving your home and travelling

How far can I travel from home?/Where can I travel in Queensland?

You can travel anywhere in Queensland, except to Biosecurity Areas or Restricted Areas. There is no limit on distance.

We're asking Queenslanders to continue to practise social distancing, good hygiene and stay at home if they are sick.

Is there anywhere in Queensland that I can't travel to?

The only places in Queensland that you cannot visit are biosecurity areas or restricted areas. A list of these areas is on the Queensland Health website.

Can I stay overnight at a hotel or at someone's house?

Yes, you can leave home to stay overnight anywhere within Queensland for as many nights as you like. This means you can go camping, stay in an Airbnb, have a night away in a hotel, head to that cosy bed and breakfast, or stay over at a friend's house.

We're asking Queenslanders to continue to practise social distancing, good hygiene and stay at home if they are sick.

Can I stay overnight? Are there any limits on how many nights I can stay away from home?

You can stay overnight anywhere in Queensland for as many nights as you prefer.

Where can I stay?

You can stay in any form of accommodation – including hotels, B&Bs, AirBnB, caravan parks and hostels.

Can I go camping?

Yes. In Stage 2 Queenslanders can get back to camping. The Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction outlines restrictions currently in place for camping grounds so they can ensure they are protecting campers.

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Do I need a valid reason to leave my home?

No. You can leave your home for whatever reason you wish. We're asking Queenslanders to continue to practise social distancing, good hygiene and stay at home if they are sick.

When will intrastate travel be allowed?

All travel restrictions within Queensland have now been lifted. You can leave home for unlimited travel within Queensland. There is no limit on distance.

When will interstate travel be allowed? / When will the border between QLD and NSW be open? And other states and territories? / When will you re-open the state border?

Decisions on opening the Queensland border for non-essential interstate travellers (such as tourists) to enter will occur at a later date once we can see the impact of further easing of restrictions. It is critical to ensure that we are restricting interstate travel, where possible, to reduce the spread of infection and keep our Queensland community safe.

Under the Roadmap, a COVID Safe Check Point is conducted prior to each stage of easing. Stage 3 is scheduled to commence on 10 July 2020. The Government will make a statement about the COVID Safe Check Point on 1 July 2020.

Other states and territories control their own borders and may have restrictions in place. While some places may re-open making it possible for people to leave Queensland, restrictions may still apply if/when returning to Queensland depending on whether you are a resident and where you have been. For more information, please refer to the [Border Restrictions Direction](#).

Can I travel across the Queensland border?

The Queensland border is still subject to restrictions. If you travel across the border, your re-entry into Queensland may be subject to restriction. If you are a Queensland resident, you can travel across the border to return home. For more information, please refer to the [Border Restrictions Direction](#).

When will international travel be allowed?

This will be determined by the Federal Government as they manage the international border.

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Should I be limiting the time I spend out or can I spend the whole day away from home? For example, can I spend the whole day in the park?

Yes. You can spend the whole day out as long as you are following the guidelines within the Public Health Direction. We're asking Queenslanders to practise social distancing, good hygiene and use common sense.

Why are these restrictions different to those in other states and territories?

The states and territories all have different considerations and are at different stages in their response to COVID-19. It was agreed at National Cabinet that the states and territories are responsible for implementing and rolling back restrictions for their own states and territories. It is because Queenslanders have understood and cooperated with our restrictions and directives so well that we can now look to start gradually easing restrictions within our state.

I have a terminally ill relative in the hospital, can I leave my house to go and visit them?

Yes. You can visit a terminally ill relative in the hospital.

Anyone visiting a hospital needs to follow the [Hospital Visitors Direction](#). You should practise social distancing if you are leaving your vehicle, such as at a petrol station.

Can I visit a parent, partner or friend that lives far away? For example, I live in Mackay, my Mum lives in Ayr – can I visit her?

Yes. You can travel to visit or stay someone at their house. But remember, practise social distancing by keeping two big steps away from each other, wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitiser and stay home if you are sick.

Can people from the same household go outside with people from another house (to the park, etc.)?

Yes. A maximum of 20 people can gather outside together. But remember, practise social distancing whenever possible by keeping two big steps away from each other, wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitiser and stay home if you are sick.

Can I access national parks and state forests with a motorbike, or other vehicle?

Yes. There will be a gradual reopening of some areas in some national parks. To find out if your local national park is open and what type of activities you can undertake there, visit www.parks.des.qld.gov.au.

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Do I still have to comply with the quarantining restrictions in remote Indigenous communities under the Biosecurity Determination if I want to travel for recreation outside my community?

Yes, if you are in a zone with travel restrictions under the Biosecurity Determination you must stay within that zone. Under the new provisions, people are able to leave their home for any recreation. However, the community entry restrictions and quarantining requirements still apply under the Commonwealth Government's Biosecurity Determination.

This means that the extra precautions under the Biosecurity Determination continue to apply in communities that are particularly vulnerable to the virus. If your recreational activity, including fishing, or visiting a relative, takes you across the boundary of the Commonwealth Biosecurity 'designated area' that applies to your community, you will have to comply with the quarantining requirement when you return, unless you fall into an exempted category (for example, you are an essential worker in the community and have an approved biosecurity plan).

Travelling on land may not take you across the boundary of the Biosecurity designated area that applies to your community. If you are in the far northern Cape York area, and you travel on land for recreation purposes, this travel is allowable – but you may not cross your Biosecurity boundary. But travelling may take you across your Biosecurity boundary in other areas. For example, if you are on Palm Island, you cannot travel to Townsville for recreation because Palm Island's [Biosecurity boundary](#) does not allow it.

You can access more information about the restrictions and quarantining requirements for remote Indigenous communities [here](#).

Can I supervise a learner driver's driving hours?

Yes. You can supervise a learner driver from your household. There is no distance on how far you can travel.

Can I leave my house to attend my hair or beauty therapy appointment?

Yes. You can go to a hair or beauty therapy appointment where the service is allowed, for example nails or waxing. It is recommended to refer to the [Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction](#) for the list of personal appearance services permitted.

Do I continue to work from home, or am I allowed to go back to work at the office?

You can return to work. Please talk to your employer about what their return to work plan is. Remember:

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- if you are sick, don't go to work. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, you should get tested immediately
- social distancing and hygiene rules remain in place in all circumstances including regular hand washing and wherever possible remaining 1.5 metres away from non-household members.

Should I attend my university/TAFE/technical classes in person?

Universities, TAFE and other educational institutions will reopen under stage 2. Social distancing should be observed. Please refer to your place of learning for more information about classes.

Should I stop catching the bus or train?

Public transport is still safe to take. We do advise to practice social distancing, ideally 1.5 metres, as much as possible, and to perform hand hygiene regularly. Check out Translink's COVID-19 travel updates and healthy travel tips for more information: <https://translink.com.au/service-updates/274176>

Can I travel to the Outback?

Yes. You can travel to the Outback. We emphasise that you should observe social distancing and good hygiene in every community you visit.

Is there anywhere in Queensland that I can't travel to?

The only places in Queensland that you cannot visit are biosecurity areas or restricted areas. [Find out more here.](#)

I am a Queensland resident, can I travel across the border to NSW or Victoria for work?

Yes you can travel across the border to NSW or Victoria for work. In order to re-enter Queensland you must apply for a [Queensland Entry Pass](#).

If you have been to a [COVID-19 hotspot](#) in the last 14 days you must [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days, or as directed by an Emergency Officer, unless your visit was for a permitted purpose.

You will be directed by an Emergency Officer as to where you must quarantine. This may be in your home or a hotel at your own expense.

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Questions about home confinement and visitors

Who is a member of my household?

Members of your household are the people who ordinarily reside in your home.

Do children count in the limits on number of people?

Children and infants are included in the total numbers where limits are indicated.

How many visitors can I have at my house, at any one time?

From midday on 1 June, you can have a gathering of up to 20 people in your home, including members of your household.

Visitors do not include:

- people who live with you
- workers or volunteers providing goods or services, such as disability services or tradesperson doing repairs.

Your visitors should still practise social distancing as much as possible. This means:

- wherever possible keep at least 1.5 metres away from other people (two big steps)
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitiser
- avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes.

Can I have people come to my home to help me or complete repairs?

Yes. You may have a worker or volunteer come to your house, such as a tradesperson, to help you or complete repairs on your home. Volunteers and workers are not counted as visitors. Practise social distancing and good hygiene as much as you can.

Can I hug or kiss the person I am visiting?

Only if you live in the same house with them. We know it's really tough but limiting contact with other people is one of the best ways to slow the spread of COVID-19. Always practice social distancing, even when you're visiting another household so keep two big steps away from other people and avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes.

But if you're sick, stay home. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, go and get tested.

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Questions about gatherings

How many people can I have at a wedding?

Weddings can have a maximum attendance of 20 guests in addition to the celebrant and the couple with social distancing and hygiene requirements in place. It is important, if you are sick, that you do not go to a wedding.

How many people can I have at a funeral?

Funerals may be attended by a maximum of 50 mourners in addition to up to three funeral officials. It is important to note that outdoor guests cannot be in addition to indoor guests.

The social distancing and hygiene requirements must be observed. The Chief Health Officer can provide exemptions in relation to attendance at funerals, but only at the margin. It is important that, if you are sick, you do not go to the funeral.

Can I attend a religious service?

Private worship and religious ceremonies (including non-denominational ceremonies) of up to 20 people is allowed, with social distancing observed. A church or place of worship can have up to 20 people in multiple rooms or defined spaces when following a COVID Safe Industry Plan. The Government will work with various denominations to develop such a Plan. However, larger celebrations of more than 20 people in one venue are not yet permitted and are still to be live streamed.

Can I attend a civil services, cultural ceremonies or non-denominational service?

Yes. Civil services, cultural ceremonies and non-denominational services can be attended by up to 20 people, with social distancing observed. However, larger celebrations are not yet permitted and are still to be live streamed.

Why are funeral numbers different to wedding numbers?

Weddings are a beautiful cause for celebration and it's natural for couples to want as many of their loved ones to attend as possible. However, funerals are an important part of the grieving process and often help to provide a sense of closure. Unlike weddings, funerals cannot be postponed.

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Can 100 people be in a park at once if it is 5 groups of 20 people?/ If I am at a park and there are already 20 people in total there and someone else arrives and won't adhere to the rules for example social distancing, what should I do?

Gatherings in public spaces must be limited to a maximum of 20 people within one group. You are not permitted to organise mass gatherings in a public space.

We also still encourage you to use common sense when attending small public gatherings and if a park, or any other outdoor public space is over-crowded, go somewhere else for the time being.

We ask that Queenslanders use common sense and good judgement, including maintaining plenty of distance between groups. Things to think about when deciding if a park is already too crowded include:

- Is there plenty of distance between each group (can you play ball between each group; can you talk easily without overhearing another group)?
- Is there an empty space for your group to sit comfortably, that is still a good distance from others?
- Is there somewhere less crowded we can go to, that isn't far from here to be on the safe side?

Can I meet with a group of people outside of my home or organise a gathering in the park or another public space (other than my home)?

Yes. You can organise a gathering of up to 20 people outside of your home. You can leave your home for recreation activities and do them with either members of your household, or with 19 other people and yourself (a total of 20).

What if I want to celebrate events such as birthdays?

You can organise a gathering or party inside or outside of your home with up to 20 people. Always practice social distancing (think two big steps) where possible and avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes.

How does the 20 person limit work for restaurants?

The maximum limit for all restaurants and cafes throughout Queensland is 20 patrons at a time, so restaurants can have multiple sittings. They must allow four square metres per patron. The 20 patron limit is inclusive of indoor and outdoor areas. Cafes and restaurants must prepare and comply with a [COVID SAFE checklist](#) if providing seated dining.

Restaurants, cafes, hotels, pubs and clubs can have more patrons at a time if they are operating in accordance with an Industry COVID Safe Plan.

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For more information on COVID Safe businesses, including checklists, industry and business plans, visit the website <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/covid-safe-businesses>

Does the 20 maximum patrons for café, restaurants and pubs apply to all sizes of venue?

Any place offering dining-in or seated drinking can have the following number of patrons:

1. With a COVID Safe Industry plan in place:
 - a. Up to a maximum of 20 patrons in each defined area of a venue.
 - b. This maximum is subject to having four square metres per patron on average for each defined space of 20 patrons which includes indoor and outdoor areas of a venue.
 - c. If a venue has enough space, it can provide service to its maximum number of patrons determined by the four square metre rule with a maximum of 20 patrons in each room or defined area.
2. Without a COVID Safe industry plan in place and operating under a COVID Safe Checklist:
 - a. Up to a maximum of 20 patrons total for a venue.
 - b. This maximum is subject to having four square metres per patron on average in the defined area
 - c. This includes all areas of a venue including indoor and outdoor areas.

For more information on COVID Safe businesses, including checklists, industry and business plans, visit the website <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/covid-safe-businesses>

What is a defined area?

For any service for seated patrons with an applicable COVID Safe Industry Plan that allows for more than 20 patrons, you must divide your venue into defined areas that will have no more than 20 patrons within them. In addition:

- these patrons must be kept separated from other defined areas by a minimum of 1.5 metres at all times,
- they must remain seated and stay in that defined area and
- they must be served at their table by dedicated staff for that defined area.

Does this mean cafes, restaurants and bars can offer dine-in options again, if they maintain social distancing and gathering rules?

When a COVID Safe Industry Plan is in place, a venue with multiple rooms or defined spaces can have up to 20 patrons in each of those rooms or spaces, provided four square metres per patron is maintained. The four square metre distance rule will mean that some businesses won't reach the maximum number allowed.

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If a venue is not following a COVID Safe Industry Plan, the maximum for the whole venue is 20.

For more information on COVID Safe businesses, including checklists, industry and business plans, visit the website <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/covid-safe-businesses>

Venues may be permitted to have more patrons if detailed in an applicable COVID Safe Industry Plan that they are following. From 1 June, cafes, pubs, registered or licensed clubs, RSL Clubs, hotels, and casinos can have up to 20 patrons per room or per defined area when following a COVID Safe Industry Plan. This does not include staff.

[I am looking to purchase a house/apartment; can I attend an auction?](#)

Yes. Real estate auctions are permitted due to the easing of restrictions allowing public gatherings of up to 20 people, ensuring social distancing is observed. Given the close interaction involved, agents are required to keep a record of names and contact details of each person to assist with contact tracing if required. Social distancing must be observed with one person per four square metres.

[Can I go to the beach with a group of friends?](#)

Yes. You can go to the beach with your friends in a group of up to 20 people, including yourself. Remember to practise social distancing and keep two big steps away from each other and wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitiser.

Questions about recreation

[What is the full list of recreational activities we can do now?](#)

You can do any lawful activity for recreation, as long as you practice social distancing good hygiene and only go out with a maximum of 20 people including yourself.

[Are National Parks open?](#)

Yes. National Parks are open. Visit www.parks.des.qld.gov.au for more information on National Parks.

[Can I go camping?](#)

Yes - as long as you continue to follow social distancing and public gathering guidelines in the Direction. Please note some camping and caravan sites are still not opening shared amenities.

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What if I go to a beach or the park, and someone sits too close to me?

We're urging all Queenslanders to maintain a social distancing of 1.5 metres and one person per four square metres, think two big steps away from another person, wherever possible. Please use common sense.

Can I go fishing?

Yes - as long as you continue to follow social distancing and public gathering guidelines in the Direction.

How many people can I take in the boat?

If you're by yourself, and your boat is sufficiently sized from a safety perspective, you can go out with 19 other people who don't usually live with you, or with the people you live with. However, remember to maintain social distancing between those people who don't usually live with you. You can stay overnight or multiple nights on a boat.

Can I go water-skiing?

Yes. You can go water-skiing with the members of your household or, if you're by yourself, with 19 other people. Practise social distancing and good hygiene as much as you can.

Can we now eat meals on benches in parks or in the city?

Yes - as long as you continue to follow social distancing, keeping 1.5 metres (two big steps) between other people wherever possible, and follow public gathering guidelines in the Direction.

Can I borrow a book from the library?

The decision to open your local library rests with local government. If a library is open only 20 people are allowed inside at any one time, ensuring social distancing and hygiene measures are maintained.

Can I see an art exhibition?

Museum and art galleries are permitted to open, but a maximum of 20 people are only allowed to be inside at a time.

Museums, art galleries and historic sites will be able to have more than 20 people on-site if they are operating in accordance with an Industry COVID Safe Plan.

When can community sports start?

Non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport can now start, as long as it adheres to the gathering limit of up to 20 people per game. The physical distancing rule should be maintained, one

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person per four square metres, along with appropriate social distancing and enhanced hygiene measures are implemented. The 20 person rule includes all players, coaches, spectators and any other person who attends the gathering.

We are working with community sporting clubs to work with us in a gradual return to community sport that ensures the risk of community transmission remains low. While community sport provides multiple benefits, including increased health and wellbeing and a social outlet, this needs to be appropriately balanced to ensure players are not put at increased risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

A number of Industry plans for community sport are being developed to cover all operations across the industry in Queensland. These plans will seek approval for flexibility regarding the restrictions on behalf of all clubs and organisations within the sector, including, where appropriate, allowing more participants and spectators than specified in the roadmap. The approved Industry Plans will provide a checklist and guidance material including on health and hygiene, facility management and physical distancing measures. The COVID Safe Industry Plans for sport, recreation and fitness are currently being considered.

When will sporting groups know more detail about how restrictions are easing for particular sports?

The Queensland Government has worked with key industry bodies and organisations to develop a set of guidelines and a process for consideration of COVID Safe Plans for the Chief Health Officer.

The Queensland Government will assist community sporting organisations to complete COVID-Safe Return to Play checklists, monitor implementation and respond to any community enquiries about the arrangements.

For more information of restrictions for sport, recreation and fitness activities, visit the website <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport>.

Can my children participate in after school sports?

At this stage, non-contact outdoor sporting-based activities can take place up to a maximum of 20 people and with social distancing observed.

*Example: boxing, tackling, soccer and wrestling are **not** allowed.*

The physical distancing rule should be maintained, one person per 4 square metres, along with appropriate social distancing and enhanced hygiene measures are implemented.

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The 20 person rule includes all players, coaches, spectators and any other person who attends the gathering.

For more information of restrictions for sport, recreation and fitness activities, visit the website <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport>.

Can I play lawn bowls with my mates?

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Can my kids go on playgrounds?

Yes. A maximum of 20 people will be able to use the playground equipment, as long as you and your child continue to follow social distancing and public gathering guidelines in the Direction.

Can I go to a community facility, such as a community centre, youth centre or PCYC's?

Community facilities are open and able to provide community services. They must ensure physical distancing is observed and hygiene is maintained.

For community centres and clubs that offer multiple activities such as sports and dining, refer to the Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction.

How many people can I go on a hike with?

A maximum of 20 people (including yourself), as per the public gathering advice, are allowed to go with you on your hike.

Am I allowed to visit the local swimming pool for training or rehabilitation purposes?

Swimming pools may open ensuring the following rules:

- one person per lane per lap swimming
- a maximum of 20 people at a time
- limit total number of people. Where possible, up to one parent/carer per child, if necessary
- communal showers and change rooms are closed, toilets may remain open
- minimise the use of communal facilities
- shower with soap before and after swimming (at home, not at the pool)
- "get in, train, get out" to ensure no unnecessary co-mingling
- maintain social distancing and hand hygiene.

School groups may continue to use public swimming pools and school facilities for lessons and training.

Is the pool in my apartment block allowed to be open?

Yes. Communal pools (indoor and outdoor) can open, however they are limited to a maximum of 20 swimmers.

How many people can be at outdoor exercise equipment at any one time?

A maximum of 20 people can use outdoor council run exercise equipment at the same time. Use common sense when utilising outdoor exercise equipment, for example, one person per piece of equipment and ensure you are keeping up with social distancing, two big steps away from other people, and good hand hygiene by washing your hands before and after your workout and use alcohol-based sanitiser.

How many people can attend a boot camp or personal training session?

Up to 20 people are allowed to attend a boot camp outside with equipment disinfected between each use. Participants must maintain the 4 square metres per person (two big steps away from other people) and are encouraged to bring their own equipment where possible (e.g. gym mat).

Can I move house?

Yes. You are permitted to move homes and engage professionals to assist you. However, during the move social distancing is to be practised as much as possible. If you are moving from interstate, make sure you apply for a [Queensland border pass](#) and follow the [quarantining guidelines](#), if they are applicable to you.

Questions around the roadmap to easing restrictions

Why are restrictions being eased?

Queensland has done a great job flattening the curve, which means we can start to get back to business as usual whilst maintaining social distancing. We need to ease restrictions in phases and manage this sensibly. The selected restrictions are being lifted based on recommendations determined by Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC) and Queensland's Chief Health Officer.

What happens after stage 3?

After stage 3, following advice from National Cabinet and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC), the Queensland Government will determine whether the all restrictions can be removed.

Further information

visit www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus
or call **13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)**.

What is a COVID SAFE check point? What does it involve?

While we're monitoring the situation all the time, the COVID SAFE check point is when the decision will be made on progressing to the next stage in the roadmap. This involves:

- Data indicators tell us that a shift in restrictions would not present an undue risk
- Testing is still widespread and adequately identifies if there is any community transmission
- Point source outbreaks are effectively contained by public health actions

What will happen if people don't follow the rules and cases go up again first?

Restrictions are being lifted because Queenslanders are doing a great job at listening to health advice and following the rules, however, there is the potential for our state to require tougher restrictions to be enforced if people don't abide by the new restrictions.

How will this be enforced?

Queensland Police and enforcement officers will enforce the lifting of these restrictions and ensure Queenslanders are doing their part to slow the spread. Industry and business regulators will also play a role in ensuring organisations are compliant with restrictions.

Why can't some regions be exempted from restrictions entirely, given they have been COVID-19 free for weeks?

Easing restrictions in some parts of the state and not others, would require locking those areas down entirely – meaning no one could come in or out. That's not practical for a number of reasons.

Queenslanders have done a great job in adhering to the restrictions in place to protect us all. Collectively, we're flattening the curve sooner than anticipated, which means we can now commence lifting restrictions across the whole state. We now have a clear roadmap in place to lift restrictions in stages, however moving through each stage will require all Queenslanders to be patient and comply with the Directions so we don't undo the great work.

If a business isn't adhering to the rules, what do I do?

If you think a business has broken any rules, you can report them to PoliceLink on 131 444 or to their relevant industry regulator.

Why do the numbers jump from 20 to 100 people between stage 2 and stage 3? Is this safe?

The maximum of 100 persons permitted in stage 3 is subject to further planning and review. Prior to entering any new stage, a COVID SAFE check will be conducted to assess impact before further easing of restrictions.

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Do the easing of restrictions also apply to people who are more at risk?

We strongly urge all people with a compromised immune system and people with chronic medical conditions to take extra precautions to reduce their risk, like strictly adhering to social distancing and hygiene guidelines and avoiding situations where they may come into contact with a lot of people. We also recommend they talk to their doctor about their individual situation.

Do the easing of restrictions also apply to First Nations communities?

The Queensland Government has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership in remote communities to agree on a three-stage plan to safely ease restrictions in Federal Government-designated biosecurity areas.

The Roadmap to easing access restrictions for Queensland's remote communities, enabling designated communities to transition from the current federal emergency biosecurity restrictions to state-based arrangements under Chief Health Officer public health directions.

The Roadmap enables remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community residents more freedom to go fishing, grocery shopping and attend appointments while maintaining necessary restrictions to keep communities safe.

Stage 1 of the Roadmap is effective immediately and enables people, to enter a designated community to self-quarantine within that community under approved arrangements, removing a requirement to quarantine for 14 days before entering.

Queensland's Chief Health Officer will issue public health directions to manage ongoing risk, account for different health risk profiles throughout the State, and reflect the views and needs of Queensland's First Nations communities.

What modelling exists?

The Commonwealth has released modelling about what the progression of the virus may look like in Australia. That modelling was considered when this plan was developed.

Will there be more cases?

It is likely we will see more cases. We have very clear monitoring systems in place. Our healthcare system is prepared and has capacity to handle any new cases. We need to take special care of people who are vulnerable to COVID-19, so that they avoid catching the virus. For example, special measures on visiting in residential aged care facilities.

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Will the original restrictions be put back in place again? Why/Why not? When?

While we're easing some restrictions, it's essential Queenslanders continue to do the right thing and abide by the restrictions that are in place. The last thing we want is to see the number of cases in Queensland grow. We're working towards getting Queenslanders back to normal living.

The roadmap mentions COVID SAFE check points. Will data from the COVID SAFE app be used to assess these?

We're urging every Queenslander to download the app to their phone. Data from the app will help us respond to any potential outbreak. That's the only purpose for which data can be supplied to Queensland Health experts.

Other general questions and advice

Has social distancing changed?

No. You should continue to practise social distancing when you leave your home. This includes keeping 1.5 metres or two big steps away from each other and avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes.

Are there penalties if I don't comply?

Yes. If you don't comply you may be given an on-the-spot fine of \$1,334 for individuals and \$6,670 for corporations under the *Public Health Act 2005*.

What proof of address will be accepted? For example, I've recently moved from Mackay to Brisbane and my driver licence has not been updated yet.

It's important to be able to prove where you live with genuine identification. Queensland Police Service will follow their usual practices when determining where you live.

If I had to close my retail store because of the effects of COVID-19, can I re-open it?

While we understand some retail stores have closed their shopfronts, there was no public health direction to do so. You can re-open any business that is not required to be closed under the *Non-essential Business, Activity and Undertaking Direction*. For further information about the non-essential businesses, please see the [Direction](#).

What restrictions are there on crowd numbers in shopping centres?

All businesses are required to ensure that the number of people in their store meets the guidelines of one person per four-square-metres. Queensland businesses have been doing a great job so far with new social distancing measures.

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